

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Polybutylene terephthalate having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.7 to 1.0 dL/g, ~~[[and]]~~ an end carboxyl group concentration of 0.1 to 18 $\mu\text{eq/g}$ and an end methoxycarbonyl group concentration of not more than 0.5 $\mu\text{eq/g}$, which is produced in a presence of a catalyst comprising a titanium compound and a metal compound containing a metal of Group 2A of the Periodic Table.

2. (Original) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate has a crystallization temperature of 170 to 195°C as measured at a temperature drop rate of 20°C/min using a differential scanning calorimeter.

3. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate has an end vinyl group concentration of not more than 10 $\mu\text{eq/g}$.

4. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein a solution haze of a solution prepared by dissolving 2.7 g of said polybutylene terephthalate in 20 mL of a mixed solvent containing phenol and tetrachloroethane at a weight ratio of 3:2, is not more than 10%.

5. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate contains a cyclic dimer in an amount of not more than 1500 ppm.

6. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate contains a cyclic trimer in an amount of not more than 1000 ppm.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate contains titanium in an amount of not more than 80 ppm, calculated as a titanium atom.

9. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said polybutylene terephthalate contains a metal of Group 2A of the Periodic Table in an amount of not more than 50 ppm, calculated as a metal atom of Group 2A of the Periodic Table.

10. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said metal of Group 2A of the Periodic Table is magnesium.

11. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said end carboxyl group concentration is in the range of 1 to 10 $\mu\text{eq/g}$.

12. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein said intrinsic viscosity is in the range of 0.8 to 0.9 dL/g.

13. (Currently Amended) Polybutylene terephthalate according to claim 1, wherein an increase in said end carboxyl end group concentration except for that due to a hydrolysis reaction of the polybutylene terephthalate is in the range of ~~0.1 to 300~~ 0.1 to 20 $\mu\text{eq/g}$ when the polybutylene terephthalate~~[[,]]~~ is heat-treated in an inert gas atmosphere at 245°C for 40 min.

14. (Previously Presented) Polybutylene terephthalate as defined in claim 1, which is obtained by a production process including a continuous esterification process adopting a direct polymerization method.